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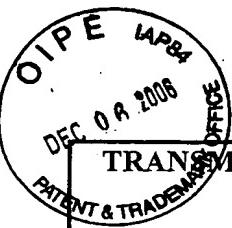
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Sir:

The present application, U.S. Application No. 10/542,600, is a U.S. national stage of PCT Application No. PCT/IL2004/000034. Applicants hereby submit an Information Disclosure Statement citing art.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP §2001.06 and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies¹ of the art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

Copies of items 1 – 4, 12-14 are not attached, as the USPTO waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting copies of US patents and US patent application publications in all U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003. See MPEP 609 III A(2).

¹ To the extent that a document is listed and no copy of same is attached, then such document is not at the present time available to the undersigned or is available in the national stage file. If a listed document is not in the English language and an English translation is readily available, such translation is also attached; if translation is not attached, it is not readily available to the undersigned. If a foreign language patent document is cited, and an English language equivalent is known to the undersigned, then such an equivalent patent is also cited on the attached form along with the corresponding foreign language patent and a connecting arrow indicated therebetween; if no such English language equivalent is cited then none is known to the undersigned.

Since items 5 and 7 are in a foreign language, Applicants attach an English-language abstract to each of the references.

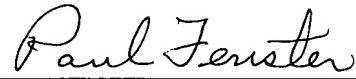
Since item 21 is in a foreign language, Applicants attach an English translation of JP Publication No. 09-145683. The translation was downloaded from the Japanese Patent Office site.

In accordance with MPEP §609 it is requested that each document cited (including any mentioned in Applicants' specification which is not repeated on the attached PTO-1449 form(s) or equivalents thereof) be given thorough consideration and be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on the PTO-1449 form or its equivalent, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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	19.	WO 2005/111634	24 Nov '05	PCT				
	20.	GB 2 322 941	09 Sep '98	GREAT BRITAIN				
	21.	JP 09-145683	06 Jun '97	JAPAN			✓	

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22.	Yoon, G. et al. "Determination of Glucose Concentration in a Scattering Medium Based on Selected Wavelengths by Use of an Overtone Absorption Band". Applied Optics, 1 March 2002. Vol. 41, No.7.		

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